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Cabinet expansion likely on Aug. 4: CM

- Uneasy calm among seniors as High Command prefers freshers
- Five Deputy CMs on cards to balance caste equations

New Delhi/ Bengaluru, Aug. 2 (Agencies)- Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in New Delhi this morning that Cabinet expansion can take place most likely on Wednesday (Aug. 4) if the list is finalised in a meeting with the BJP Central leadership later in the evening today. Basavaraj Bommai is the lone Cabinet member in the Government now.

The CM, who reached the National Capital late last night, said the Cabinet exercise will be done in a balanced way keeping in mind the previous team. His meeting with BJP President J.P. Nadda is scheduled this evening.

"The list may get finalised either today or tomorrow. If it gets finalised tonight, the Cabinet expansion can take place on Wednesday," Basavaraj Bommai told reporters before leaving for Parliament to meet Home Minister Amit Shah.

A comprehensive discussion will be held with the BJP Chief in the evening about the Cabinet formation, including whether it should be done in several stages or one go, he said.

Even balancing of regional and social representation will be kept in mind while deciding names, he added.

"Based on these factors, the numbers and names will be decided. Even how many Deputy CMs should be made will also be decided in the meeting," Bommai said. The CM further said that in the current political situation, efforts will be made to take everyone together.

"We are hopeful that Cabinet making will be fruitful. Not only fruitful, but it should also serve the purpose of serving the people of the State," he said.

The CM also said some aspirants have met him and held discussions. "They also know not everyone can become Ministers," he said.

"We will do in a balanced way keeping in mind the previous Cabinet team," the CM noted.

(See CABINET on page 7)

With all eyes on COVID...
Don't neglect Malaria

S. Chidambara

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (PM,SSV,SBD &BCT)- Though not a single case of Malaria has been reported in Mysuru district since the last four years, citizens must take steps to avoid the stagnation of water due to the advent of monsoon, said District Vector-borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. S. Chidambara.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, he said that people need not become complacent for zero cases in the last four years and they need to be vigilant about the epidemic.

The District Health Department was making efforts not to allow even a single case to be reported in the district. Their aim was to make Mysuru free from Malaria and the Department is working in this direction. People's co-operation was required to achieve this task, he added.

Dr. Chidambara said that they need to ensure that this epidemic does not spread to Mysuru as the cases of Malaria are reported in the neighbouring districts. The survey work was going on and it continued even during COVID-19 times. "Apart from COVID, we are also focussed on Malaria and even the citizens must be vigilant," he said.

The Department staff has created awareness about COVID-19 along with the Malaria epidemic. Strict measures will be taken to check the spreading of this disease. Malaria can be detected through blood testing and it is conducted free of cost in all Government Hospitals. Even treatment is absolutely free, he added. Taluk Health Officer Dr. Mahadevaprasad was present during the press meet.

(See MALARIA on page 6)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Never say die! Keep walking like Johnnie Walker !!"***

Turn to Page-9 for an interview with ***Mir Ranjan Negi,*** *former Indian hockey player, who was in Mysuru last week.* **—Ed**

Spike in Test Positivity Rate in Mysuru, Kodagu

Kodagu DC imposes fresh restrictions on travellers from high-risk States

Mysuru/Madikeri, Aug. 2 (Akshay&BCT)- A report from the State COVID War Room has stated that 10 out the 30 districts in Karnataka including Mysuru and Kodagu have reported COVID-19 Test Positivity Rate (TPR) that is higher than the State average of 1.4 percent from July 25 to July 31.

While Mysuru reported a TPR of 2 percent, Kodagu reported 4.7%. Dakshina Kannada tops the list with a TPR of 5%. Notably, more cases are being seen mainly in the border districts that have geographies next to Kerala.

Though experts have suggested to the Government that restrictions have to be imposed including night and weekend curfews and preventing crowding at any cost, the State is adopting a wait and watch approach.

Quarantine back in Bengaluru

Meanwhile, BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta stated this morning that all those who come to Bengaluru from high-risk States like Kerala and Maharashtra have to undergo a 14-day quarantine at places suggested by the BBMP.

At the quarantine centres, RT-PCR tests will be conducted and only those reporting negative status and asymptomatic ones would be sent home. The BBMP has also decided to immediately implement the concept of containment zones.

In view of the State Government giving authority to the DCs of border districts to take local decisions to prevent the virus spread, Kodagu DC Charulata Somal issued fresh guidelines.

(See SPIKE on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 2nd August 2021

CIIL to hold lecture series

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (PM&SSV)- Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) is holding 'Vishwa Sarani Upanyasa Maalike' on every Monday to Saturday starting from August 2 between 3.30 pm and 5 pm. This is as part of 'Kannada Bhakthi Parampare' research project formulated by the CIIL for the year 2021.

The lecture series will be inaugurated by CIIL Director Prof. Shailendra Mohan today at 3 pm. Lectures will be delivered by various scholars. Today, Prof. T.S. Satyanath, retired Professor, Delhi University, will deliver lecture. Noted scholars Dr. Preethi Shubhachandra, Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash, Dr. K. Sharada, Dr. Vishnu Bhat, Dr. M. Usha, Dr. Nataraj Budala, Dr. M.N. Venkatesh, Dr. Venkataramana Aithal, Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Dr. Sheela Sridhar, Dr. Rajaram Hegde and Dr. Manudevadevan are part of Kannada Bhakthi Parampare project.

Ph.D awardees of UoM

Mysuru, Aug. 2- **Kemparajegowda** has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Synthetic applications of Dithioesters in Bioactive Heterocycles and their Biological Studies' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Mantelingu.

M.J. Ashok Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the UoM for his thesis 'An Analysis of Urban Informal Economy: A case Study of Mysore City' [Guide: Dr. V. Shanmugam].

D.R. Pramod has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis titled 'Chaduranga mattu Besagarahalli Ramanna avara kathegala toulanika adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. M.S. Shekar]

J. Rajendra has been awarded Ph.D in South Indian Studies by the UoM for his thesis 'Gandhiji avara chintaneyalli Panchayat Raj vyavaste haagu adalita vikendrikarana (Chamarajanagara jilleyannu anulakshisi)' [Guide: Dr. Sreekanta].

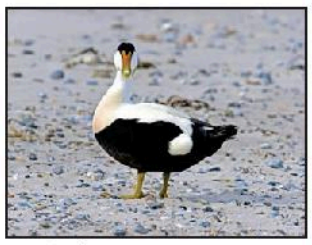
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In the early post-Independence years, family planning was big. Wherever we went, we would see the inverted triangle and messages like "hum do humare do" or "a small family is a happy family". And then came the Emergency of the 1970s and the sterilisations. Sanjay Gandhi made this his primary policy, earning public anger and hatred. When the Emergency was lifted and Indira Gandhi lost the elections, India went back on family planning with a vengeance. No more ads were seen. The Congress party wanted to disassociate itself from all taint of population control. All family planning ads disappeared overnight. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has now unveiled a new population policy that aims to increase the accessibility of contraceptive measures. More importantly, it promotes a two-child policy. People who violate it will be debarred from contesting local body elections, applying for government jobs or receiving government subsidies. Incentives and disincentives are the only way the population can be controlled. Kudos to Yogi Adityanath for this measure. Many other States follow in Uttar Pradesh's footsteps and control their populations too.

— *Nanditha Krishna in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Sea Duck with most expensive feathers



Breizafjörzur Bay: Every summer, around 400 hunters scour a small, remote island in Iceland's Breizafjörzur Bay in search of an unusual treasure – the world's most expensive feathers

The hunt for the world's most precious feathers has been held almost every year for over a millennia. People have known that Eiderdown, the feathers of the Eider polar duck, is one of the warmest natural fibers on the planet for a really long time, and nowadays they use it to make the best duvets and quilts money can buy. A kilogram of Eiderdown sells for thousands of dollars, as the feathers are only used to make luxury products. Eider ducks shed the precious down from their breast and uses to line their nests to insulate them during hatching. It's these nests that the hunters are after during their annual Eiderdown hunt. Eiderdown is one of the few downs that is actively hunted and harvested, the others being a byproduct of the food industry. This makes it a favorite of nature and animal lovers, but few can actually afford Eiderdown products, as a duvet containing 800 grams of feathers costs over 5,000 dollars.

Ultra-realistic 3D paintings of CJ Hendry

Sydney: Australian-born CJ Hendry is able to draw just about anything, from crumpled designed paper bags, to leather boxing gloves and magnified flowers showing off their every detail. She spends between 80 and 200 hours working on a single piece, and it shows. A close inspection of her drawings shows incredible attention to detail and an ability to make the subjects depicted almost life-like, as if they are merely placed on the canvas, not drawn on it.

HEALTH CAPSULE

"Adding pepper to your soup or other meals DOES NOT prevent or cure COVID-19".

By Sharadhammanni S - Clinical Educator

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

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Total Positive Cases	1,72,956	1,73,102
Day's Discharges	140	114
Total Discharges	1,69,196	1,69,310
Day's Deaths	2	0
Total Deaths	2,305	2,305
Total Active Cases	1,455	1,487

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

'Forty advocates in city lost their lives due to COVID'

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (AK)- A total of 40 advocates have lost their lives due to COVID and State Government should give compensation to the family members of COVID victims, said President of Mysuru Bar Association S. Anand Kumar.

While addressing media persons at the Court premises in Malalavadi, he said, "Members of Bar Association have appealed to the State Government to release compensation for the victim's family. More than 40 advocates died due to COVID in the last one and half years. Although lawyers were declared as frontline workers by State Government no packages or facilities were provided to them."

"Besides, hundreds of advocates have recovered from COVID but they are suffering due to financial crisis. So we request the State Government to help lawyers with financial assistance. Also litigants and advocates are facing problems due to irregular proceedings at District Courts," added Anand Kumar.

REALLY...?

- *Electricity travels at the speed of light - more than 186,000 miles per second! A spark of static electricity can measure up to 3,000 volts.*
- *Lightning is a discharge of electricity in the atmosphere. Lightning bolts can travel at around 130,000 miles per hour and reach nearly 54,000 °F in temperature.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A shop near the District Court put up a sign-board bearing these words:
"Letters typed in three languages."
The next day, a rival shop across the road displayed a bigger board saying:
"Photostat copies prepared in all languages!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.26
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.34

VOICE OF THE READER

MUDA's online property tax
payment facility not updated

Sir,

This is to bring to your notice that the much-publicised on-line property tax facility launched by MUDA is not working properly. We are not able to pay tax online.

My property documents purchased in 2004 has not been updated. My khata is not updated and still lies in the name of the seller.

On enquiring the helpline numbers, no information is given to us. They ask us to go to MUDA office and get the documents updated. What is the purpose of online payment if an individual has to go to the MUDA office personally for updating the documents?

It is the job of MUDA officials to update the documents on the website. Amidst the COVID fear looming large, there is no one to contact in this regard to express our problems. Will the MUDA Commissioner look into this lacunae?

—Vasudev

Mysuru
29.7.2021

Renewal of DL: RTO
must simplify the process

Sir,

This has reference to the harrowing experience by B.S. Shankara to renew his DL *(SOM* dated July 22). I too had a similar experience and hence wish to share with our readers.

The process of renewal of DL is still difficult to understand during these days of compute-risation. One has to stand in different queues for different purposes and for seniors, it is still worst during these COVID-19 days.

Shankara has rightly suggested for simplifying the process of renewal instead of following age old practice. Once the application for renewal was uploaded with necessary renewal fees, time slot may be given to the applicant/ DL holder for the process of recording new photograph, getting acknowledgement. (In my opinion, they can reduce personal visits for renewal).

If there is a will there is a way to solve such problems. Otherwise, the brokers in the business, who lure the visitors, quote their rates to simplify all these process listed by the RTO.

—Ashok Nayak

VV Mohalla
22.7.2021

IRCTC launches "Punya Teerth Yatra Tour"

Mysuru, Aug.2- Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a Government of India enterprise under Ministry of Railways, has launched Bharat Darshan Tourist Train by the name "Punya Teerth Yatra Tour" for general public. This most affordable all-inclusive train tour package starts from Madurai via Bengaluru (Whitefield Railway Station) on Sept. 12 for 9 nights and 10 days covering the major pilgrim/tourist destinations of Puri- Konark-Kolkata- Gaya- Varanasi-Prayagraj.

IRCTC has also launched the following domestic flight packages to popular tourism destinations:

Sept. 24 (6 Nights/ 7 Days) - Gujarat: Dwarka- Somnath-Ahmedabad- Vadodara (Statue of Unity); **Oct. 1 (6 Nights/ 7 Days)- Rajasthan:** Udaipur-Jodhpur- Pushkar- Jaipur; **Nov.18 (5 Nights/ 6 Days) - Sikkim & Darjeeling:** Kalimpong-Gangtok- Darjeeling; **Dec.10 (5 Nights/ 6 Days) - Andaman:** Port Blair, Havelock, Neil, Rose & North Bay Islands.

Booking for the above have commenced at IRCTC counters and online through website *www.irctctourism.com*.

For details contact Regional Office: Rajajinagar, Bengaluru on Mob: 8595931291 or Bengaluru City Railway Station on Mob: 8595931292 or Mysuru Railway Station on Mob: 8595931294 or Hubbali Railway Station on Mob: 8595931293, according to a press release from B. Ramesh, Regional Manager, IRCTC Bengaluru.

Futuristic digital payment
solution e-RUPI launch today

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dedicate the platform to the nation at 4.30 pm

New Delhi, Aug. 2 (PIB)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a digital payment platform called e-RUPI via video-conferencing at 4.30 pm today. The platform, developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in collaboration with the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and National Health Authority, claims to be a person and purpose-specific digital payment solution.

The PMO said it is expected to be a revolutionary initiative in the direction of ensuring a leak-proof delivery of welfare services. "Digital technology is transforming lives in a major way and is furthering 'Ease of Living.' At 4.30 pm tomorrow, 2nd August, will launch e-RUPI, a futuristic digital payment solution that offers several benefits for its users," PM Modi had tweeted yesterday.

What is e-RUPI? How does it work?

e-RUPI is a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment. It is a "QR code or SMS string-based e-voucher, which is delivered to the mobile of the beneficiaries.

This will act as a prepaid voucher that can be redeemed as payment to a service provider, eliminating the need for a card, digital payments app or internet banking access. It will connect "sponsors of service providers with beneficiaries and service providers" digitally.

It assures "timely payments" without the involvement of any intermediary. As per the official statement, "it also ensures that the payment to the service provider is made only after the transaction is completed." Users can redeem the voucher by scanning a QR Code received via SMS.

Where can one use e-RUPI?

As per the official statement, the digital payment service can be used to ensure "a leak-proof delivery of welfare services". It can also be used to deliver services under schemes meant for providing drugs and nutritional support under Mother and Child Welfare Schemes, TB eradication programmes, drugs & diagnostics under schemes like Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, fertiliser subsidies and so on.

As for private sector, the Government suggested the sector can leverage these digital vouchers as a part of its "employee welfare and corporate social responsibility programmes."

How is e-RUPI different from other digital payment apps?

The chief difference between e-RUPI and other online payment apps is that e-RUPI is not a platform or an app. It is a voucher that can be redeemed for specific services only. Unlike other payment services, the user does not need to have a digital payment app or even a bank account to redeem this voucher.

What are the benefits of using e-RUPI?

It is beneficial for corporates as it is an end-to-end digital transaction that doesn't require any physical issuance. Therefore, it will lead to cost reduction for the organisation. Additionally, the issuer will be able to track voucher redemption.

e-RUPI will be beneficial for users as it is "easy and secure". Since it has a pre-blocked amount, chances of a transaction being declined will be significantly lowered. As per NPCI, it has a two-step redemption process and the user does not need to share any personal details while redeeming the voucher. Notably, consumers do not need to have a digital payment app to redeem the voucher.

Which banks are live with e-RUPI?

As per NPCI, State Bank of India, HDFC, Axis, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, IndusInd Bank and ICICI Bank are already live with the e-RUPI digital payment solution.

New team of Mysuru Travels Association

C.A. Jayakumar was installed as the President of Mysuru Travels Association (MTA) for the year 2021-22 at a ceremony held in city on Saturday. Seen in the picture are *(sitting from left)* ***Treasurer M. Arun Kumar, Vice-President J.P. Urs, President C.A. Jayakumar, Hon. President B.S. Prashanth, Secretary S.J. Ashok, Joint Secretary Samarth Vaidya;*** *(standing from left)* ***Executive Committee Member K. Raghavendra, Cultural Committee C.S. Srinivas, PRO P. Puttaswamy, Executive Committee Members A.N. Aiyanna and S.S. Abhinandan. [Executive Committee Member R. Madan Kumar, Advisory Committee Members Vishwanath, Shivalingaiah, David Raj and A.C. Ravi not in picture].***

NEWS BRIEFS

Discount on books

As part of Independence Day celebrations, the Kannada Book Authority is offering 50 percent discount on sale of books published by it till the end of this month. The discount is offered at Sirigannada Book Stall at Kannada Bhavan in Bengaluru, at all Sirigannada book stalls elsewhere in the State and at the office of the Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, in all districts. The books can also be purchased online through the Authority's website: *www.kannadapustakapradhikara.com*

Aadhaar linking

The Food & Civil Supplies Dept. will be launching a drive for linking Aadhaar card with Ration card at all Fair Price Shops (FPS) from Aug. 1 to 10 through e-KYC. As such, all ration card holders (BPL and APL), who have not linked their Aadhaar card, can do so by Aug. 10. The Department will stop distribution of ration to such card holders who fail to get their Aadhaar card linked during this period, according to a press release. The linking (e-KYC) will be done at all FPS in the district till Aug. 10, the release further said.

Home Guards

Mysuru District Home Guards has started re-registration of Home Guards who are in service. The prescribed application (C-Form), complete in full, must be submitted along with all required documents at the District Home Guards office in city between Aug. 16 and Sept. 15 (before 5.30 pm). Names of Home Guards who do not re-register in this period, will be dropped from voluntary service register.

Will the good-old Gandhinagar vegetable market be restored?

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (MK&SSV)- Rebuilding of Gandhinagar Market is still a mirage for traders. They do business risking themselves to the vagaries of nature and the plan of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to demolish and rebuild this 80-year-old market is still lying on papers.

Already, nearly half the portion of the market terrace has collapsed posing a threat to the lives of traders. Bandicoots have made their homes deep inside the shops.

Sometimes, even snakes are seen feeding on the bandicoots. The only ray of hope for traders is the supporting stone pillars, which are quite strong, said a woman trader.

"We do business till 9 pm. We are not financially sound to pay thousands of rupees as rent. There is no demarcation on the footpath where we can sit and do business. We are waiting for the MCC to rebuild this dilapidated market place," noted Sakamma, an aged vendor.

The Gandhinagar Vegetable Market is one of the oldest markets in city. People from the neighbouring areas come to the market to buy vegetables here and the rush will be more on Sundays. Earlier, a lot of people were doing business here but have now stopped coming after the roof collapsed. "I am old, but I am forced to come here to sell vegetables," Sakamma added.

What the Corporator says

Around 15,000 people live in Gandhinagar. A lot of people from nearby areas throng this old market. Poor people eke out their livelihood by selling vegetables here. Many will be benefited if this market is rebuilt, said Mohammed Rafiq, Corporator of Ward No. 27.

Footpath encroachment clearance drive continues in city

29 cases booked, 44 notices served and Rs. 9,000 spot fine collected in two days

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (KS)- Acting tough on footpath encroachers, the Mysuru City Traffic Police, who conducted the encroachment clearance drives on July 31 and Aug. 1, have booked a total of 29 cases, besides issuing 44 notices on encroachers and collecting spot fines on Rs. 9,000 from the offenders.

On July 31, Traffic Police personnel attached to Devaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram traffic Police, conducted the drives in their respective jurisdiction and registered eight cases under Karnataka Police Act, eight cases under Indian Motor Vehicle (IMV) Act besides issuing four notices and collecting spot fines of Rs. 3,500 from the encroachers.

On Aug. 1, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Siddarthanagar Traffic Police personnel, conducted the footpath encroachment clearance drive in their jurisdiction and booked three cases under Karnataka Police Act, 10 cases under IMV Act and have issued 40 notices besides collecting spot fines of Rs. 5,500 from the offenders.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharaswamy guided Inspectors of all Traffic Police Stations in the footpath encroachment clearance drives.

Senior Congress leader S.M. Anand passes away

S.M. Anand

Hassan, Aug. 2- Senior Congress leader from Hassan and former MLC S.M. Anand (72), passed away at a private Hospital in Bengaluru early on Sunday morning following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

An advocate by profession, Anand joined Congress party over three decades ago and served as an MLC from 2004 to 2010. He contested the Lok Sabha polls from Hassan Constituency in 1996 and lost. He had also served as Chairman of Hassan Development Authority, Chairman of Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation, Hassan District Congress President and KPCC General Secretary.

Last rites were performed at his farmland at Bittagowdanahalli near Hassan yesterday evening.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	115.24 feet
Yesterday	:	114.92 feet
Inflow	:	9,676 cusecs
Outflow	:	5,292 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,279.95 feet
Inflow	:	5,201 cusecs
Outflow	:	3,906 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,855.48 feet
Inflow	:	3,618 cusecs
Outflow	:	3,425 cusecs

Hunsur dacoity case solved

Six dacoits arrested, Rs. 72,000 cash, one scooter, one car seized

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (YDS&KS)- Hunsur Police have arrested six persons on charges of committing dacoity at a house in the town, after tying and gagging the family members on July 26 night and have recovered Rs. 72,000 cash besides seizing one Suzuki Access scooter and a Santro car used for the crime.

Addressing a press meet at his office here yesterday, Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan said that the arrested have been identified as Mohsin Baig of Periyapatna, Imran alias Immu and Mirza Tanveer Baig alias Tannu of Hunsur, Mohammed Afreen of Kushalnagar, M.H. Ashiq Hussain of Mekeri village in Madikeri taluk and Mohammed Azaruddin of Madikeri. All the accused are aged between 30 and 35 years and were taken into custody three days ago, he added.

The SP said that on July 26 at about 7.15 pm, a gang of five dacoits, knocked on the door of Gajala Taranum in the town and when Gajala's mother opened the door, the gang barged into the house, tied the hands and legs of Gajala, Gajala's parents, gagged them, assaulted them with a knife and had looted Rs. 6 lakh cash and 500 grams gold ornaments.

Hunsur Police, who had registered a case, had taken up the investigation. A special Police team comprising Hunsur Town Inspector C.V. Ravi, Sub-Inspectors D.K. Lathesh Kumar and Panchakshariswamy and staff was constituted, who conducted an operation and arrested six persons, the SP said and added that the Police have recovered Rs. 72,000 cash besides seizing one Suzuki Access scooter and a Santro car from them.

Among the six arrested persons, accused Mirza Tanveer Baig was involved in the double murder case of students in 2011 at Hunsur and in Thyagaraja Pillai murder case, while another accused Afreen has been involved in Praveen Poojary murder case at Kushalnagar, the SP said.

Hunsur Town Inspector C.V. Ravi, SIs D.K. Lathesh Kumar and Panchakshariswamy and staff Prabhakar, Puttanayaka, Srinivas Prasad, Irfan, Shekar, H.S. Bharatesh, Rajegowda, Kumar, Lathif and Aleem took part in the nabbing operation.

Kodagu girl drowns at Malpe Beach

Dechamma

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (BCT)- A trip to Mangaluru after hectic online classes turned tragic for a 20-year-old girl from Kodagu who drowned in the Malpe Beach yesterday. She was a student from Jyoti Nivas College in Bengaluru.

Uddappanda Dechamma, daughter of late Uddappanda Jayanth had been to Mangaluru along with a group of friends in Mysuru after her hectic online classes concluded. She hailed from Ammathi village in Kodagu and her late father was an RSS and BJP worker.

She came to Mysuru to join her friends and four of them left for Mangaluru and arrived early in the morning yesterday.

Though locals warned them not to get down into water that is usually turbulent, they did not heed their words and reportedly continued to play in the seawater even after being warned. Minutes later, all four of them were struck by a strong wave.

Dechamma went missing while the three others were rescued by locals. They were later rushed to a hospital for treatment, reports said.

As per the latest reports from Malpe, Dechamma's body has been fished out 1.5 km from Malpe Beach at a place called Sea Rock.

The body was found by some fishermen and locals in the area at around 7.30 am today. The remains will be sent to Ammathi village after post-mortem, the Police said.

Experts give green signal for re-opening of Schools

Bengaluru, Aug. 2 (DM)- Even as uncertainty continues over when schools will re-open for the new academic year (2021-22) amid the COVID-19 crisis, an Expert Committee headed by Dr. Giridhar Babu has given the green signal for the re-opening of schools with all Government SOPs in place.

Noting that schools have stopped classroom classes for more than a year following the outbreak of the pandemic in March last year, the Committee observed that any further delay in the re-opening of schools will have an adverse impact. Now with Test Positivity Rate (TPR) too on the decline, it is advisable to open schools with strict adherence to COVID appropriate behaviour.

As such, the Government should consider re-opening of schools as early as possible this month itself, the Committee noted while also giving some suggestions on the precautionary and safety measures to be taken in schools for ensuring the health, safety and well-being of children.

One side parking at Sawday Road to curb traffic congestion

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (MK&AK)- 'One side parking' has been implemented on Sawday Road in city to ease congestion.

NR Traffic Police had observed that vehicles parked haphazardly on both sides of the road was hampering the smooth flow of traffic and hence decided to implement 'one side parking' on the road.

Just like Sayyaji Rao Road and D. Devaraj Urs Road, Sawday Road is also one of the busiest roads with increased vehicular movements on the already narrow stretch of the road and with vehicles parked haphazardly, the road was witnessing traffic snarls and frequent traffic jams.

Finally, NR Traffic Police have implemented one side parking for smooth flow of traffic. With the implementation of one side parking, awareness will be created among the public for 15 days on parking of vehicles on the stretch of Sawday Road.

NR Traffic Inspector Prasanna Kumar told *SOM*, "New parking facility has been introduced on Sawday Road to curb traffic congestion and awareness will be created among the public to follow the one side parking rule. Starting from St. Philomena's Church to Mission Hospital, one side parking has been made. Also, the same is implemented on Mission Hospital Road. We had received a lot of complaints regarding wrong and haphazard vehicle parking on Meena Bazaar Road due to which small road accidents used to take place frequently. So we have implemented the one side parking rule and an ASI is deployed to look after it."

Obituary

J. Rani

Mysuru, Aug. 2- J. Rani (68), wife of Advocate M.S. Basavaraj and a resident of Chamarajapuram (behind Balakrishna Road), passed away yesterday night following brief illness at a private hospital in city. She leaves behind her husband, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this noon.

V. Ponnuraj appointed as CM's Secretary

V. Ponnuraj

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (SPM&DM)- Days after B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) quit as Chief Minister and Basavaraj Bommai replaced him, the Government has reshuffled the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

Senior IAS Officer V. Ponnuraj, who was serving as Managing Director of KPCL (Karnataka Power Corporation Limited) has been appointed as the Secretary to the Chief Minister in place of Dr. S. Selvakumar, who has been transferred and posted as Secretary of Skill Development Department. The CMO has also relieved 19 other officers who held key positions.

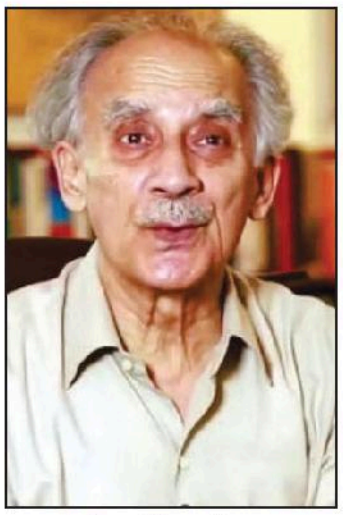
Retired IAS Officer M. Lakshminarayana, who was the CM's Adviser in the previous Government headed by BSY, has been relieved. Also, Special officer on Duty Dr. A. Lokesh, Special Officers H.S. Satish and T.M. Suresh, Deputy Secretary A.R. Ravi and several other officials have been asked to report back to their original posts. Besides, BSY's Media Co-ordinators S. Shantaram and G.S. Sunil, Cultural Co-ordination officer Ganesh Yaji too have been dropped from their posts. However, the services of Chief Minister's Additional Chief Secretary when BSY was the CM, has been continued.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

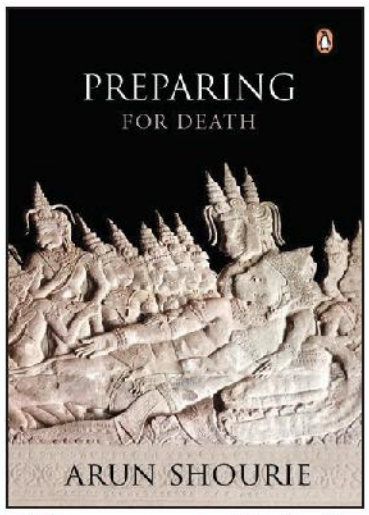
By K.B. Ganapathy

Never say die! Keep walking like Johnnie Walker !!

Osho
Never Born
Never Died
Only visited this
Planet Earth between
Dec. 11, 1931 - Jan. 19, 1990
—Osho, Indian Mystic



Arun Shourie



The cover page of the book

Just a week back, I finished reading the voluminous book, 500 pages, ominously titled ***"Preparing For Death"*** by Arun Shourie, presumptive scholar, journalist, who ruthlessly ended the political career of Abdul Rehman Antulay, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, became the Union Minister (NDA) and gave an interview to me while in Mysuru !

There is absolutely not an iota of doubt that he is a prolific writer. But is there a need to write so voluminously? No matter it is a journalistic writing or a book, irrespective of the subject. Now, being a humble pen-pusher, quite aged, let me not dwell more into that kind of verbal jugglery. After all, he is an author of many scholarly tomes. I salute him for his perseverance and labour. But why write so much? Example: "The one certainty in life, the one appointment which each of us will just have to face, is the one for which we do the least to prepare — death."

Verbiage. It could have been written, for example, "Death is an appointment we face with least preparation." But here instead of 9 words, the blurb has used 29 words. Just like the text of the book. It is like fillers, as we call in newspaper page make-up, to adjust the column length or the space in the page whenever there is shortage of text. It only adds to avoirdupois. Let it be.

Reading this book is disturbing and raises many questions about God, religion, *karma* and rebirth. A dark question stares the reader in the face: 'What about my death?' What about the last days of my dear and near ones?' Like that of the author of the book Arun Shourie — Anita, Aditya. Death puts its final stamp on every living creature, Godmen, Prophets geniuses and Generals. Death is no respector of your wealth, genius or power.

Hail, Thomas Gray the English poet who, in his rather long poem *"Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard,"* wrote about death the great leveller:

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike the inevitable hour.
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

But look at the audacity of that Indian Mystic Osho Rajneesh. He wanted this to be written in his tomb:

Osho
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Planet Earth between
Dec. 11, 1931-Jan. 19, 1990

Well, common sense question: If never born, how he can visit this planet earth, no matter between two dates?

Only Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev of Isha Foundation could counter Osho, as he said in one context: 'If you are disembodied after death, how can you enjoy the good food or virgin doe-eyed beauties in heaven promised by our religions?' Much less visit this planet earth? Perish the thought.

Now to return to Arun Shourie's book, despite the abnormally long shadow of the text, as I mentioned earlier, the book is readable for an unemployed old man like me with eyesight, by the grace of doctors, rather good !

The book is primarily about the Hindu spiritual persons and the way they died at different ages — Sri Ram (a divinity), Buddha, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Ramana Maharshi. Much is written about Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Ramana Maharshi, both of whom died under the agony of extreme pain for months due to cancer. Why? Could they not cure themselves with their divine powers, as their devotees believed them to possess?

And then there is Vinoba Bhave, a Gandhi *'Bhakt'* steeped deep in God and religion. But Gandhiji himself was killed by an assassin not giving him time to prepare for his death. Hey, Ram !

The book begs itself many questions, including about Arun Shourie's wife and a handicapped child, that are spiritually provoking.

Is there a GOD supervising each individual's destiny on this earth? A loaded question indeed. And the answer is in this anecdote which, I am sure, many of my readers might have heard or read:

Two cosmonauts had come down to earth after circling the globe. A grand reception was held for them in the Kremlin. As every one was drinking away, Khrushchev took the two cosmonauts aside, lowered his voice and asked, "Tell me something, when you were up there, did you see an old man with a long white beard (God) looking down on earth and directing what should happen?"

The cosmonauts looked at one another and in a sheepish voice said, **"Yes Sir, we did see him."**

"That is what I was afraid of," Khrushchev said, "But don't tell anyone. Let this be a **secret** between the three of us."

And then there was the reception that the Pope held at the Vatican to these cosmonauts. Here, the Pope took the two cosmonauts aside and asked the same question that Khrushchev had asked at the Kremlin.

They looked at each other, remembered the promise made to Khrushchev and said, **"No Sir, we did not see anyone like that."**

"That is what I was afraid of," the Pope said, "But don't tell anyone. Let this be a **secret** between the three of us."

Moral: Believers are NOT intelligent. Well, may I say, believers are NOT honest?

Be that as it may, here I would like to say that I have read about Ramana Maharshi (specially the book written by Paul Brunton) and about Ramakrishna Paramahamsa (a few, including by 'M' that Arun Shourie mentions). Both did not impress me at all or 'enlighten' me to dispel my 'spiritual' ignorance nor quench my spiritual thirst.

Of God much more. No wonder, when Ramana Maharshi was taken to Somerset Maugham for an interview, Maugham did not ask him any question but simply left the room after a while! For sure, Maugham knew enough "Of Human Bondage"!

Ignorant of existential truth about life, about death much more. But about ***"Preparing For Death",*** yes this book enlightens us about the need for leaving a Will and creating a Trust as per the life situation.

Hello, Barman, I am prepared to go. Where is my Johnnie Walker ?!

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Malaria

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People report illness

In a water-borne infection, many people have reported nausea, vomiting and loose motion in Ward 51 of Agrahara and the water samples have been sent for laboratories to determine the presence of contamination and other factors.

Several residents of the Ward including from Deveerammanni Agrahara, Uttaradi Mutt Road, Ramanuja Road and Tyagaraja Road have reportedly fallen ill and have taken medication for vomiting and loose motion. Polluted water is said to be the reason for the illness and as such, water samples have been sent for tests.

Ward 51 Corporator B.V. Manjunath told *Star of Mysore* that several people have been affected since the last fortnight and many have been admitted to hospitals. Officers of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) have explained that rain could have caused the infection. "Water samples have been named as per the house and area of the infected and individual tests would be conducted," he added.

MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that following the outbreak of the illness, Vani Vilas Water Works has been purifying drinking water and also following complaints of contaminated water, samples have been collected from Siddarthanagar and other localities too and are being tested, he added.

Precautions for Malaria

1. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET (Diethyltoluamide) to exposed skin.

2. Drape mosquito nets over beds.

3. Put screens on windows and doors.

4. Treat clothing, mosquito nets, tents, sleeping bags and other fabrics with an insect repellent called Permethrin.

5. Wear long pants and long sleeves to cover your skin.

6. Check stagnation of water.

7. Clean water tanks, drums, barrels and air coolers once a week to prevent mosquito breeding.

BSP MLA Mahesh to join BJP

Kollegal, Aug. 2 - Kollegal MLA N. Mahesh has announced that he will be joining BJP soon following an invitation by former CM B.S. Yediyurappa to join the party. It may be mentioned here that Mahesh had won on a BSP ticket in 2018 Assembly elections, but he was subsequently removed from the party on charges of anti-party activities.

N. Mahesh

Legal Services Clinic
inaugurated at JSS Law college

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (RKB&DM)- Principal District and Sessions Judge M.L. Raghunath inaugurated the Legal Services Clinic, organised jointly by JSS Law College and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), at a programme held at JSS Law College in Kuvempunagar here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Judge M.L. Raghunath said that Law is very much a part of every citizen of the country and it is important that Court judgments reach the common man too. Stressing on the need for introducing more Kannada in delivery of legal services, he said that many law books in Kannada have hit the markets, which is a welcome sign.

Pointing out that Advocates should ensure justice to everyone sans any discrimination or disparity, he called upon the Law students to understand the nuances of Law much better as it would help them in their profession.

Former High Court Judge Justice Arali Nagaraj, who presided, observed that the justice delivery system is based on three primary factors — Creation of legal awareness among the common man, rendering legal assistance or getting legal access to those who are in need and amicable settlement of disputes between warring parties, through conciliatory talks or counselling or mediation.

Noting that a human being is a subject to law before birth and after death, Justice Nagaraj maintained that a human being is legally bound right from the period of issuance of birth certificate till the issuance of death certificate.

Advising budding advocates to understand every aspect of Law in depth, he said "If you can wipe off tears of at least 10 distressed or disturbed persons, then the almighty will ensure that no tears will roll out of your eyes."

Emphasising on the need for dissemination of all types of knowledge including Law, he said that those who do not share their knowledge, work or experience are doing a great disservice to the country and the society.

Making a reference to legal fraternity entering politics in large numbers, Justice Nagaraj said that 21 out of 30 Chief Ministers of the State were from the legal fraternity and their legal knowledge came in handy in administration.

Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary Devaraj Bhute was the guest of honour. JSS Law College Chief Executive Prof. K.S. Suresh and others were present.

Cabinet expansion
likely on Aug. 4: CM

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Seniors worried

Meanwhile, uneasy calm prevails in the BJP Karnataka State unit leaders' camp as they have got the news that the party is keen on replacing the elderly leaders with new faces. The CM and the High Command are said to have agreed upon giving a chance to six new faces in the Cabinet.

The senior BJP leaders, who enjoyed plum postings, are said to be disturbed after the news of being laid off in the new Cabinet reached them. An unconfirmed list of probables is already circulating in the social media and this has added to the woes of the seniors.

The High Command wants to give opportunities to youngsters and reduce the average age of the Cabinet as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reshuffled his Cabinet recently. This has made several senior leaders of the party anxious about their political future as if they are kept out of the Cabinet on the basis of seniority and age now, they will be denied a ticket to contest in the upcoming Assembly polls.

Five Deputy CMs

It is said that Bommai has proposed the creation of five Deputy Chief Ministers to give representation to Scheduled Castes, Tribes, other backward communities, Lingayat and Vokkaliga castes.

Bommai's proposal has been agreed upon by the High Command as well as former CM B.S. Yediyurappa. However, RSS leaders are said to be hesitant on forming a Cabinet on caste lines and are also of the opinion that the creation of posts of Deputy Chief Ministers will create unnecessary rivalry among themselves.

Shravandas Reddy takes charge as new Saragur Sub-Inspector

Shravandas

Saragur, Aug. 2- (Nagesh & DM)- Shravandas Reddy took charge as the new PSI (Police Sub-Inspector) of Saragur Police Station in Mysuru district recently.

Speaking after taking charge, Reddy said that he would try his best to render justice to the people under the purview of Law. Asking citizens to follow Law, he sought the co-operation of the public for proper maintenance of law and order in the town.

Spike in Test Positivity Rate in Mysuru, Kodagu

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As per the orders issued this morning, all those who come to Kodagu from Kerala and Maharashtra including tourists and other official visitors have to produce a negative RT-PCR certificate not less than 72 hours before entering the District.

All the check-posts have been placed under high alert and RT-PCR testing kiosks have been established. The second level of screening will be undertaken at resorts, home stays, hotels, dormitories and lodges where the respective accommodation managements have been given the responsibility of ensuring the less than 72-hour RT-PCR reports from all tourists from the high risk States.

Also, tourist accommodation owners have been asked to report the tourist arrival to the respective Town Panchayat and Gram Panchayat offices to keep a track of the visitors. Action would be taken against violators under the Disaster Management Act and under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the DC's order stated.

Vaccination shortage

Meanwhile, Kodagu faces severe shortage of vaccines as only 2,500 vaccines are sent to the District once in two or three days. Kodagu Hotel and Resort Owners Association President Nagendra Prasad told *Star of Mysore* that though the hotel staff have been considered as front-line workers, nearly 70 percent of them are not fully vaccinated.

"This is a risk and we have more than 1,000 workers in 250 hotels, over 2,500 to 3,000 workers in home stays and resorts. All the tourists come in direct contact with the non-vaccinated staff," he said and added that the MLAs of the District must pressurise the Government to send more vaccines to Kodagu on a daily basis.

Each vaccine centre in the district receives only 100 doses and people stand in queues as early as 5 am to get tokens that are distributed at 10 am. Madikeri MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan told *SOM* that from tomorrow (Aug. 3), Kodagu will get a supply of 5,000 vaccines instead of the present 2,500 shots.

"We are a border district and I have already spoken to the Health Department in view of the high Test Positivity Rate and the latter has assured to send 5,000 vaccines in batches," he said.

COVID vaccination details of Kodagu as on 1.8.2021 (Government and private)

CATEGORY	VACCINATED	PERCENTAGE
Healthcare workers 1st dose	6,245	82.82
Healthcare workers 2nd dose	5,004	80.13%
Frontline workers 1st dose	4,648	80.07
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,687	57.81
18-44 1st dose	73,593	30.49
18-44 2nd dose	2,159	2.93
45 plus 1st dose	1,28,958	80.01
45 plus 2nd dose	63,629	49.34
Total	**2,86,923**	
18 plus total population	4,02,560	
Total beneficiaries who received 1st dose	2,13,444	53.02
Total beneficiaries received both doses	73,479	18.25

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Sd/- **Geetha Nandakumar**

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Vaastu Feng Shui & Bio-Energetics

By **S.B.S. Surendra**, Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Wood energy and growth

We want to live in calming sanctuaries that bring peace and success. We want our spaces to be connected to the nature. Living by the riverside, close to luscious green woods, growing organic food, breathing fresh unpolluted air — signifies emotional well-being that brings good luck into lives.

The ancient methodology of building homes always got positive results, as homes were made of natural materials, walls were simple lime mortar, sand, clay. It allowed transfer of natural energy; doors and windows were positioned to ensure maximum flow of energy, sunlight and cross ventilation. Many homes had the concept of open court yard in the middle of the house to channelise nature's energy and this open court yard was a very important aspect of Vaastu principles and Feng Shui. Homes that had large spaces, surrounded by greenery, signified freshness, serenity. There was a time when we all lived connected to the nature with a sense of deep gratitude for all that the bountiful earth had given us. Green architecture or green design is an approach for reducing the harmful effects of building on human health and environment. Vaastu and Feng Shui emphasise harmony and balance between human and nature moreover the concept of green architecture has been supported by these ancient sciences for thousands of years. What is so special about the word 'Green,' is it just a colour in the spectrum?

Green in Feng Shui is the colour of renewal, fresh energy and new beginnings. Green represents wood element, it also is said to nourish growth, health, it calms your nerves and balances your whole body by bringing healing vibrations from Nature.

From fresh spring colour of the newly opened leaves to the strong green of a mighty oak tree — there are literally hundreds of greens to choose from in your Feng Shui applications. A great way to bring colour green in Feng Shui is with actual plants that have lush green foliage.

• Keeping a green or Earth element candle burning in the east as often as possible is an excellent way to energise healing energy. Candles also create an atmosphere of serenity and help to sooth and calm the emotions.

• Energise the wood sector (east) of your home with lush green accents, such as pillows, rugs, or window treatment. If the east sector is the living room, dining room or any room other than a bedroom, this is a great location for a beautiful potted plant. (Live plants are considered too Yang for the bedroom). In an eastern bedroom, use solid wood furniture as well as green accent colours.

• Adapt a design so that maximum entry of sunlight and proper cross ventilation exists.

• Create rain water harvesting pits in the property in the east and north sectors or the northeast quadrant which is considered good from Vaastu perspective and ensures that the ground water is replenished

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Installation ceremony held

INNER WHEEL MYSORE: ***The installation ceremony of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore for the year 2021-22 was held on July 29 at Mysore Sports Club. Jyotsna R. Irani was installed as Club President for a second mandate. The new office-bearers are*** *(sitting from left)* ***Archana Mukund - Joint Secretary, Pallavi Arun - Editor, Gowri Gokul - Secretary, Jyotsna Raian Irani - President, Ramya Ashok - Vice-President, Uma Mahesh - Treasurer and Sumathi Ghanathe - ISO. This year will be special for the Club as its member Pushpa Gururaj assumes charge as District Chairman of Inner Wheel Dist. 318, says Jyotsna.***

ROTARY CLUB OF MYSORE ROYAL: ***The Charter Day and Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Mysore Royal for the year 2021-22 was held at a private hotel in city recently. PDG Rtn. G.K. Balakrishnan was the chief guest and Installing Officer. Seen in the picture are*** *(sitting from left)* ***Rtn. C.S. Ravi Shankar, Asst. Governor Zone-8, Rtn. Pius Saldanha, Club Secretary, Rtn. P.N. Shridhara, President, PDG Rtn. G.K. Balakrishnan, Installing Officer, Rtn. T.R. Ravindran, Immediate Past President, Rtn. Nagendra Prasad, Director - Club Service and Rtn. M.G. Byndoor, GSR;*** *(standing from left)* ***Rtn. Premanand D'Mello, Chairman - Fellowship, Rtn. G.D. Malikarjuna, Director - Community Service, Rtn. N.P. Balaji, Chairman - Rotary Foundation, Rtn. Kavitha Balaji, Membership - Chair, Rtn. Hanumantha Rao, Director - Community Service, Rtn. Nagesh R. Hansoge, Chairman-TEACH, Rtn. Vijay C.S. Anand, Sergeant- at-Arms and Club Chairman - Rotary Vidyaanidhi, Rtn. Vikram Crasto, Chairman - Pulse Polio, Rtn. Jonson Joseph, Director - International Service and Rtn. B.S. Dayanath, Vice-President.***

LIONS CLUB OF MYSORE KUVEMPUNAGAR: ***Ln. L. Shivakumar was installed as President of Lions Club of Mysore Kuvempunagar by Ln. Suresh Ramu, 2nd Vice District Governor (VDG) at a ceremony held at a private hotel in city recently. Seen in the picture are Ln. L. Shivakumar (President), Ln. C.B. Srishaila (Secretary), Ln. Nagarajachar (Treasurer), Directors: Ln. B. Huchaiah, Ln. T.V. Raghothama Rao, Ln. Y.C. Kalegowda, Ln. Geetha, Ln. Manjula, Ln. Dr . Ramya, Ln. Dr. C. Shivakumar, Ln. S. Nagaraja, Ln. R.S. Puttabasappa and Ln. Shivaram.***

MYSORE ELITE ROUND TABLE: ***A group photo of the new office-bearers of Mysore Elite Round Table-256 for the year 2021-2022. Seen are from left: Tr. Karan Rajashekhar (Treasurer), Tr. M.S. Dinesh Kumar (IPC), Tr. B.A. Kushal (Chairman), Tr. Pavan Bargi (Vice-Chairman) and Tr. Nikhil Mannar (Secretary).***

'Good sportspersons are born, not made'

Sporting encounter with Mir Ranjan Negi, the real 'Kabir Khan' of Indian Hockey

By G. Amit Kumar

When 'Chak De! India' hit the silver screen in 2007, none knew that it was the story of a former Indian hockey player. Mir Ranjan Negi is one such great player who silently propelled Indian Women's Hockey Team to become world champions in the 1998 Asian Games held in Bangkok. Later, the country recognised the tireless efforts of Negi whose role was played by Bollywood 'Badshah' Shah Rukh Khan, as 'Kabir Khan.'

***Star of Mysore** caught up with **Mir Ranjan Negi,** who inspired Kabir Khan's character in the movie, when he was in the city on a personal visit recently. Negi shared his views on Indian Hockey Team doing extremely well at the Tokyo Olympics. He also regretted how hockey is literally ignored in the country when compared to cricket. Excerpts...*

Star of Mysore (SOM): What do you feel about the performance of Indian Hockey Team at the Tokyo Olympics 2020?

Mir Ranjan Negi: I feel extremely proud as it has been 20 years that no team from Asia has performed like this. Especially the women's hockey team ranking 4th position on the chart, we have defeated those teams who ranked higher at the Olympics. Expectations are high and hoping to win gold for India (fingers crossed).

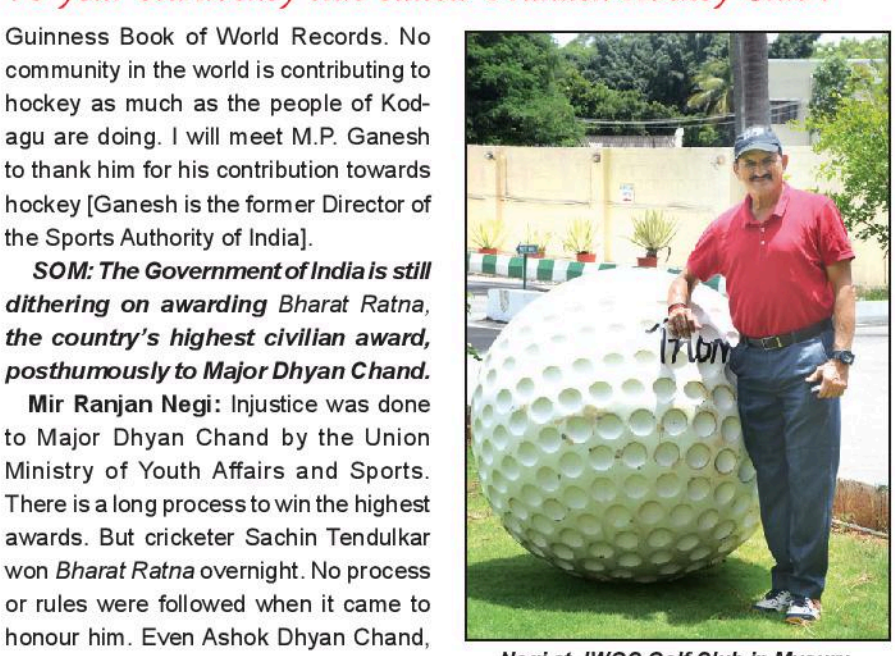
Captain of the team Rani Rampal's performance in winning over South Africa (4-3) is the best thing I loved at this Olympics. Even the Men's Hockey Team has a different combination as 8 seniors and 8 junior players. There is no void in the team and we have a world-class goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh. Also this will be the last tournament for most of the players in the team. I always feel a good sportsman cannot be made. Rather they are born.

SOM: How do you describe Indian Hockey Team in one word?

Mir Ranjan Negi: Energetic.

SOM: Karnataka's contribution to the field of hockey is immense, especially from Kodagu. Do you agree with this?

Mir Ranjan Negi: Yes absolutely, more than 50 hockey players from Kodagu have participated in international hockey tournaments. The Kodava family hockey tournaments have made it to the Guinness Book of World Records. No community in the world is contributing to hockey as much as the people of Kodagu are doing. I will meet M.P. Ganesh to thank him for his contribution towards hockey [Ganesh is the former Director of the Sports Authority of India].



"The Government must encourage hockey by making it a compulsory sport in Schools and Colleges. The basic need to encourage hockey is to have a proper ground for players to practice. Currently I am living in Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and giving training to 150 promising players on the 'footpath' because the Government has snatched our 70-year-old hockey club called 'Prakash Hockey Club'."

SOM: The Government of India is still dithering on awarding** Bharat Ratna, **the country's highest civilian award, posthumously to Major Dhyan Chand.

Mir Ranjan Negi: Injustice was done to Major Dhyan Chand by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. There is a long process to win the highest awards. But cricketer Sachin Tendulkar won *Bharat Ratna* overnight. No process or rules were followed when it came to honour him. Even Ashok Dhyan Chand, son of Major Dhyan Chand, expressed his displeasure over this.

SOM: The current generation is fonder of 'cricket' and 'football' than hockey. What's your take on declining hockey in India?

Mir Ranjan Negi: We cannot blame the current generation if they are fond of other sports than hockey. The blame should rest on the Indian Government for not promoting hockey. Craze for cricket and football is more in this country. That is why neither the Government nor the sponsors are coming forward to promote hockey.

SOM: What are your suggestions to the Government to promote hockey?

Mir Ranjan Negi: The Government must encourage hockey by making it a compulsory sport in Schools and Colleges. The basic need to encourage hockey is to have a proper ground for players to practice. Currently I am living in Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and giving training to 150 promising players on the 'footpath' because the Government has snatched our 70-year-old hockey club called 'Prakash Hockey Club'. Indore is a financial capital but the city is not ready to provide a playground to encourage sports.

Negi at JWGC Golf Club in Mysuru.

SOM: Tell us about your life journey from being a goalkeeper.

Mir Ranjan Negi: I played 4 years for Indian team from 1978-1982, life was shattered when India lost the Asian Games against Pakistan in 1982. The blame was on me and some alleged that I took money from Pakistan. The movie 'Chak De India' is nothing compared to what I went through after this. After 15 years, Jyothi, who had become the Secretary of Indian Hockey Federation in Chennai, gave me a second chance and I became the coach of Indian Women's Hockey Team. At the Bangkok Asian Games in 1998, we won the gold medal after 32 years. This opportunity made me prove myself to the country. Later, Producer Aditya Chopra (son of Director Yash Chopra of Yash Raj Films) approached me and made a movie based on my life.

I was also working as Assistant Commissioner of Customs and retired from the post. Later I wrote a book called 'Bloom to Glory' and actor Shah Rukh Khan wrote the foreword. I also appeared in a dance reality show 'Jhalak Dikhlaja' and now I am into training 150 aspiring hockey players in Indore.

SOM: Do you think making cinema on sports is a good way to encourage youngsters?

Mir Ranjan Negi: Definitely cinema is a strong medium to promote sports. Movies like 'Chak De! India,' 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag,' 'Mary Kom,' 'Dangal' and others have already made an impact on the audience. I met a lot of youngsters who are inspired to play hockey by watching 'Chak De...' So making movies on sports or biopics on sportspersons will encourage others.

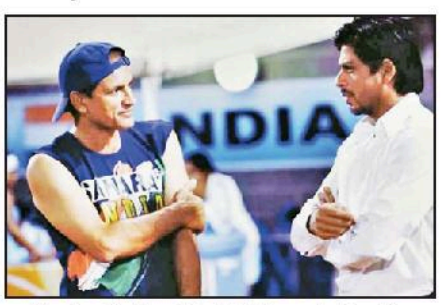
SOM: We can see corruption, politics and nepotism in every sport. What's your advice on this?

Mir Ranjan Negi: We need a revolution in the sports field. Glamour and money has become part of every sport. I feel glamour and money is necessary as you observe players who come from small towns, their hairstyle changes, their mobile phone changes in fact their lifestyle changes for good. Government pays for cricket and all players get more money, like this every sportsman should get paid the right way. Corruption and politics do exist in every field and it depends on people how they fight it out.

SOM: What do you feel about visiting Mysuru?

Mir Ranjan Negi: I love visiting Mysuru every year as it has everything from greenery to historical places. The city is clean, the weather is good and it has got a rich history. I don't visit Goa to enjoy my vacation, I visit Mysuru to enjoy every moment of my vacation.

When here I am usually in the good company of Mahesh Ballal, owner of *Rock Salad*, an event management company in your city, Mysuru. Mahesh and I have been friends for 35 years.



Negi with Shah Rukh Khan during the making of 'Chak De! India' movie.

BUDDIES: *Negi with Mahesh Ballal.*

WORD OF THE DAY

Lexical

Pronunciation: LEK-sih-kul.
Meaning: Of or relating to words or the vocabulary of a language as distinguished from its grammar and construction; of or relating to a lexicon or to lexicography.
Origin: The word lexicon can be used as a synonym of dictionary and the word lexicography refers to the practice of making dictionaries. Both of these words, as well as lexical, derive from the Greek word lexis, meaning "word" or "speech." Another descendant of lexis is lexiphanic, an archaic adjective describing one who uses pretentious words for effect. Lexis should not be confused with the Latin lex, meaning "law," which is used in legal phrases such as lex non scripta, "unwritten law."
Example: As stated in the catalog, the University's second-year language courses are designed to emphasise lexical skills.

THE ODD WORD

Labrose

Thick-lipped.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Let her rip

Meaning: If someone says "let her rip," it usually means to go faster, to speed up. The "her" in this case typically refers to a vehicle, like a boat or car; This phrase can also mean "go ahead," as in someone is given permission to do something.
Origin: Who is the "her" in this phrase and what is she "ripping"? Is it a woman tearing a piece of paper in half? Let's take a closer look at these two words and see what they mean within the context of this expression.
The word "her" is sometimes used in connection with vehicles or machinery (for example, someone might call their car a she or her). On the other hand, the word "rip" is sometimes used in relation to speed (example, someone might say they ripped through the water in their new motor boat). So basically, the word "her" in this phrase generally refers to a vehicle, and the word "rip" means to make said vehicle go faster.
Now, then, how old is this phrase? The oldest example one could find of it with its "go faster" meaning is from a book titled Out West, published in the year 1910: "Git up more steam–this ain't a funeral! Let her rip! Don't mind the speed limit! Keep the whistle going!" The "her" referenced in the quote is a train.

QUOTE BOX

Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.
—Babe Ruth

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer : Take it in your stride.

SUDOKU

7				9				6
		4				1		
2			4		6			7
		9		7		8		
	8		9		1		2	
		1		5		9		
9			5		8			3
		7				4		
1				4				9

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	3	2	4	9	1	8	6
4	8	6	3	1	5	2	7	9
9	2	1	7	8	6	3	5	4
3	7	5	9	2	8	4	6	1
2	4	8	5	6	1	9	3	7
6	1	9	4	7	3	5	2	8
5	3	4	8	9	7	6	1	2
1	9	7	6	5	2	8	4	3
8	6	2	1	3	4	7	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Speak a certain way
5 India's desert region
9 Engage in espionage
12 Unique or singular person
13 Bulwer-Lytton heroine
14 Dubai locale
15 Musical backing
18 Rather dull; not lustrous - "My tat" anagram?
19 Finished or completed
20 Gad's son?
22 Hog havens
26 Put an edge on
30 Jacob's brother
31 Untruth
32 Mayhem
34 In short, suffix of all Indian PLC's?
35 A slang word uttered in amazement or surprise
37 Dedicates or consecrates
39 Bush
41 Unbeatable service
42 Distinctive atmosphere or quality
45 Tatum ____ : famous Hollywood star?
49 A British royal family home (7,6)
53 Climbing vine
54 Therefore; hence
55 Palindromic German
56 Golfer's support
57 Put away
58 Complete disaster

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

C	C	C	P	■	T	A	N	S	■	H	O	T
P	O	O	L	■	R	O	O	T	■	T	R	I
A	L	O	E	■	U	P	R	O	O	T	E	D
■	■	L	A	D	E	■	■	I	M	P	L	Y
M	A	H	D	I	■	F	A	C	E	■	■	■
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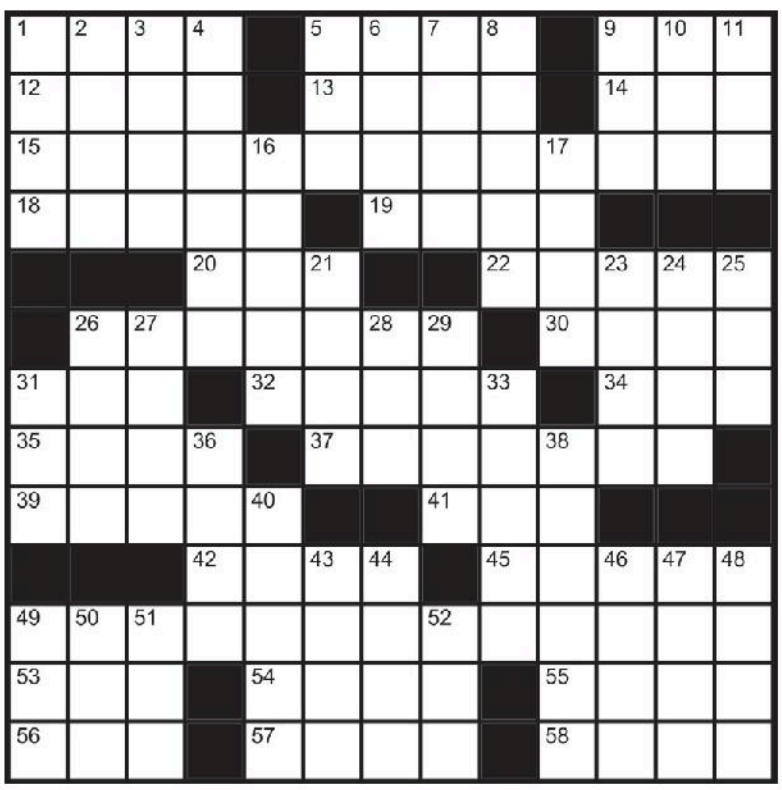
L	E	D	■	C	O	L	A	■	T	R	O	T
L	S	D	■	T	W	I	N	■	E	S	T	E

DOWN
1 Sandy soil
2 Old king of Peru
3 Cult, faction or tribe
4 An evergreen shrub - "rot pea" anagram?
5 Gratuity
6 Lew ___ : Aussie tennis great ?
7 "A" in A.D. ?
8 Horse controls
9 Bring to court
10 Vessel for frying
11 To this point in time
16 Aromatic resin
17 Apportion
21 Apple's popular tablet computer
23 Insular land
24 Comestibles
25 Soapy water or soap bubble
26 Breathe deeply
27 Use ears
28 The day before
29 Exploding star
31 Boy's name,in short
33 Hot chocolate
36 Twosome, pair
38 Stretching muscle
40 Passenger vehicles
43 Institutional dishonesty
44 Jason's vessel
46 You too in Latin (2,2)
47 High: prefix
48 Exodus author __ Uris
49 Humour
50 I have, contracted
51 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
52 Female bovine



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HCEM CE XMN KGBS HKKP XMDX CE QKGECPNUNP

ELKCBNP KGQN CX ERNBBE BCWN FMDX CX CE.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS T

Saturday's Cryptoquip: There are no secrets better kept than the secrets that everybody guesses.

TOKYO GAMES 2020 (July 23 - August 8, 2021)

P.V. Sindhu wins Bronze

1st Indian woman with two individual Olympic medals

Tokyo, Aug. 2- India's P.V. Sindhu defeated He Bing Jiao of China to win the women's singles bronze medal at Tokyo Olympics. With this win, Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win two individual Olympic medals.

Sindhu dominated Bing Jiao 21-13, 21-15 as she shook off the disappointment of losing the semi-final to Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying on Saturday. She had won silver at Rio Olympics in 2016 after losing to Spain's Carolina Marin in the final.

Besides Sindhu, wrestler Sushil Kumar is the only other Indian athlete to win two individual medals at the Olympic Games.

Having suffered a heart-breaking loss to Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying in the semi-finals in Saturday, Sindhu came out with purpose on Sunday and stamped her authority in the bronze medal match, right from the start.

Sindhu's power and guile proved just too much for Bing Jiao as the Indian took the first game 21-13. Like in the first, Sindhu was quick out of the blocks and came out all guns blazing in the second and took a 4-1 lead, going on to open a 11-8 lead in the mid-break. Jiao showed some fight to make it 11-11 but Sindhu once again upped the ante and started to pull away. The Indian star made it 19-15 to before winning two more consecutive points to finish things off.

India Hockey teams create history

Women enter maiden Olympic semifinals; Men back in Medal Race after four decades

Tokyo, Aug. 2- Led by Rani Rampal, the Indian women's hockey team created history this morning by advancing to their first semi-final in the history of the Olympics with a 1-0 win over Australia at Tokyo Olympics 2020.

Gurjit Kaur scored her maiden Olympics goal in 2nd quarter. Having played sublime hockey right throughout the tournament, Indian team was brilliant in its defence as Australia failed to convert the seven penalty corner opportunities they had.

In the semifinals on Aug. 4, India will face Argentina who beat Germany 3-0 in the previous quarterfinals match.

MEN'S TEAM

A determined Indian men's hockey team advanced to the Olympic semifinals for the first time in four decades, beating Great Britain 3-1 in the quarterfinals yesterday, a triumph which leaves the side within touching distance of a medal that has proved elusive for over four decades.

The eight-time former Olympic Champions scored three field goals through Dilpreet Singh (7th minute), Gurjant Singh (16th) and Hardik Singh (57th) to seal the win. Great Britain's lone goal was scored by Sam Ward from a penalty corner in the 45th minute.

By virtue of this win, India now have a 5-4 win-loss record over Great Britain in the Olympic Games. **India will take on world champions Belgium in the semifinal tomorrow (Aug. 3) at 7 am (IST).**

The last time India featured in the semifinals of the Olympics was in 1972 Munich Games where they lost 0-2 to arch-rivals Pakistan.

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Timmarusu (Te)	(S-1)	11.30 am
	(S-2)	4.35 pm, 7.05 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
	(S-3)	11.10 am, 7 pm
Mortal Kombat (E)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 7 pm

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Mortal Kombat (E)	(S-1)	12.40 pm, 3.35 pm 6.30 pm
	(S-2)	11.40 am, 2.35 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-2)	5.30 pm
Timmarusu (Te)	(S-3)	12.00 noon, 6.10 pm
Trayam (Te)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Tokyo Olympics 2020 Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	24	15	14	53
2	USA	20	24	16	60
3	Japan	17	5	9	31
61	India	0	1	1	2

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